REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 14, 2005 is confusing. The Office action accounts for claims 2 to 10, while the Amendment filed on March 24, 2005 contain new claims 2 to 19. New claims 2 to 10 are directed to left side support methods -- 2 to 6 are left ventricle claims and 7 to 10 are left atrium claims -- while claims 11 to 19 are directed to right side support methods -- claims 11 to 14 are right atrium claims and 15 to 19 are right atrium with coaxial cannulas. The Office Action is confusing because it does not account for claims 11 to 19.

In that context, the applicant is not sure whether the Examiner intends to divide the claims into left side species (claims 2 to 10) and right side species (claims 11 to 19), or into further sub-species.

Applicant responds to the requirement as it stands (which does not account for the right side species claims 11 to 19) by electing the left side-left ventricle species (claims 2 to 6). This election is with traverse, because applicant believes an election between left side ventricle and left side atrium is not warranted, given the subject matter of the claims. No claim is believed generic.

Applicant believes that it makes more sense to require an election between left side species (claims 2 to 10) and right side species (11 to 19). If this is what the Examiner intended, applicant elects the left side species (claims 2 to 10), without traverse. No claim is believed generic.

In either case, applicant does not elect any right side species claims 11 to 19, and this election is without traverse.

Sawyer et al US 4,684,364 does not teach or suggest methods of providing pump-assisted left side or right side cardiac support, that include the delivery of fluid from a fluid source into a heart chamber when a condition of negative pressure exists within the heart chamber.

Respectfully Submitted,

By _____
Daniel D. Ryan, Registration No. 29,243

RYAN KROMHOLZ & MANION, S.C.
Post Office Box 26618
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226
(262) 783 - 1300
8 December 2005
Customer No.: 26308
A-MED SYSTEMS/9261.16661-PCT US DIV/051208 RESPONSE

Enclosures: Amendment Transmittal
Return postcard